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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent A	Application of)	Mail Stop: AF	
Ross Suydan	n HEITKAMP)	Group Art Unit: 2112	
* *	No.: 09/749,585)	Examiner: K. Huynh	
For: SYST FOR I BUS I	nber 28, 2000 EMS AND METHODS RELIABLY SELECTING MASTERSHIP IN A LT TOLERANT MANNER))))	RECEIVED AUG 8 6 2004 Technology Center 2100	
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Sir:				
Enclo	osed is a reply for the above-ide	ntified	l patent application.	
	A Petition for Extension of Ti	ime is	also enclosed.	
	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for \$\sum \$55.00 \$\sum \$110.00\$ to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.			
	A Request for Continued Exa	A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is enclosed.		
	A request for Entry and Cons is also enclosed.	iderat	ion of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)	

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	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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A claim fe	e in the amount of \$ _	is enclosed.
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other appropriate fees that may be required by this paper that are not accounted for above, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.

Respectfully submitted,

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

In response to the final Office Action, dated June 4, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \S

1.116, Applicant proposes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.